



# At Home by Vaugier

Bringing Together Family ... Friends ... Communities

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Welcome to our premier issue of **At Home by Vaugier**. Since publishing our first RLV newsletter in 2000, we have been providing information and education regarding home design, functionality, product trends and remodeling and/or custom home building options. Our goal was, and will continually be, to help you make your house a *home*.

When taking a closer look at the word 'Home', we find that the word has many definitions as well as connotations. Home: a word that a person identifies with a place where they live, spend much of their time, or feel generally comfortable with (while a house, or other residential dwelling, is often referred to as a home, the concept of "home" is broader than a physical dwelling or real estate). Family: relating to or being where one lives or where one's roots are; to the fullest extent; to the heart; one's own dwelling place; the habitual abode of one's family; the abiding place of affections and security, naturally abundant habitat; a place of refuge and rest; a place of belonging. And we have all heard the familiar and often used cliché 'Home is where the heart is'.

Whatever definition or connotation you attribute to the word 'Home' or whichever remodeling, custom home or real estate services you need, there is one fact we know for sure. There's no place like *your* home with your unique needs, wants and lifestyle.



We are very pleased to announce the opening of Vaugier Homes LLC, our

new Custom Design/Build Group. Vaugier Homes LLC will take over the custom home design/build operations previously offered by RLV design & construction. RLV design & construction, our multi-award winning 'Contractor of the Year' design/build remodeling company, will continue to provide quality remodeling as well as specialized renovations to help you increase your Buyer/Seller (before and after market) residential real estate sales and investment properties.



Whether remodeling your existing home or building a custom home, request your *free* subscription to **At Home by Vaugier**, your exclusive resource for home design, functionality, product trends, and remodeling and/or custom home building. Visit us online at [www.athomebyvaugier.com](http://www.athomebyvaugier.com) or call 602-VAUGIER (602-828-4437).

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New, newly remodeled or custom built, it's true ... **'There's no place like home'!**

At Home

## At Home Featured Community: Rio Verde Foothills

If you have been in the Northeast Valley for any length of time, you are well aware of the phenomenal growth we have experienced in recent years. What was once considered North Scottsdale is now, at best, simply an area north of Central Scottsdale. To see businesses named as North Scottsdale along the #101 Corridor and Shea Boulevard is hardly considered North Scottsdale any longer.

Perhaps one of the last frontiers of the Northeast Valley is the area known as the Rio Verde Foothills. Covering approximately 20 square miles of mostly unincorporated Maricopa County land east of Pima Road, Rio Verde Foothills is surrounded by permanently preserved land between north Scottsdale, Tonto National Forest on the north, McDowell Mountain Regional Park on the south, and McDowell Sonoran Preserve on the west.

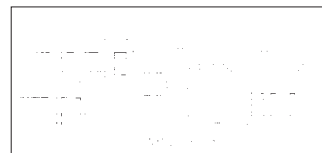
From luxurious estates to state-of-the-art horse properties, the opportunities to bond with nature are endless from the many hiking and biking trails to miles and miles of horse trails, some of which lead all the way to the Verde River.

If you like wide open spaces, natural desert landscape and quiet, quiet, quiet ... Rio Verde Foothills may just be your next oasis in our Sonoran desert. The majestic landscape of the surrounding mountains by day and the silhouette of shadowy peaks by night give a sense of serenity and solitude. The sights and sounds of city lights and busy traffic can only be experienced from a distance, yet you are just minutes from North Phoenix, Cave Creek, Carefree, Rio Verde, Tonto Verde and Fountain Hills.

Rio Verde Foothills Properties by



### Tranquility: Contemporary Southwest



Rio Verde Dr. & 164th St.

Completion Date: 2006  
Lot size: 1.077 Acres

Total Livable: 3,554 sf  
Upper Level Deck: 96 sf  
Covered Patio: 500 sf  
Garages: 700 sf

Just A Few of This Luxury Home's Features ...

- 1+ Acre Lot with Panoramic Mountain Views
- 3,554 Sq. Ft. Living; 4,850 Sq. Ft. Total
- Second Story with View Deck
- 3 Car Garage
- 5 Bedrooms/3.5 Baths
- Second Story Master Suite or Library (Den Options)\*\*
- Fireplace in Family Room & Master Bedroom
- Granite Counters in Kitchen
- Deluxe Appliance Package
- Maple Cabinets with choice of stain
- 2x6 Exterior Wall Construction with Shear Panels
- 3 1/4" Bull Nose Drywall Corners
- Panel Doors
- Stucco Sand Finish
- 2-Zone Air conditioning
- Security System Pre-wired
- Built-In Central Vacuum
- Phone/Cable Jacks
- Plumbed for Water Softener
- 20% Travertine Flooring; Carpets in other areas
- No HOA

For more information, call Vaugier Homes at 602-VAUGIER (828-4437)

# Building a Home Within a Home

When you find that your home is no longer big enough, aesthetically appealing or functional for your current lifestyle but you like where you live, what do you do? Your options are usually limited to moving, tearing down the existing house and re-building new on your new or existing lot, or remodeling the existing structure. If cost or inability to relocate are contributing factors, a more feasible solution may be to have a Major House Remodel.

## Major House Remodel Areas:

### Upper Level

- Room Addition: Office
- Room Addition: Master Bath
- Front Entryway Expansion
- Kitchen
- Bar/Island
- Dining Area
- Living Room
- Guest Bath
- Master Bedroom with Fireplace
- Home Entertainment Center

### Lower Level

- Room Addition: Exercise Room
- Family Room
- Fireplace
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Baths
- Laundry Room

### General

- Upper Deck with Exterior Spiral Staircase
- Stucco
- Flooring
- Windows
- Doors
- Railings
- Stairways
- Outdoor Kitchen
- Lighting
- Ceiling Fans
- Multi-Unit Air Conditioning
- Propane to all Fireplaces

RLV design & construction is completing one such project in Fountain Hills. The following is a sampling of the Major House Remodel photos. RLV built a home within a home to give the homeowners a new house at their current location. For complete project history and Photo Gallery, visit RLV design & construction at [www.rlvdesignconstruction.com](http://www.rlvdesignconstruction.com).



## At Home Trends: Outdoor Kitchens

While professional as well as weekend chefs continue to engage in the 'gas versus charcoal' debate, the true debate today is INSIDE OR OUT. The days of rolling out a grill into the back yard are over. Even a built-in grill seems rather lonely compared to today's fully-equipped outdoor kitchen transformations with architectural features that can substantially add value to your home. No longer does the designated chef have to run in and out of the house to retrieve gadgets, foods, beverages, condiments or to check on the current score of the game he/she is missing! Every piece of equipment, prep aides, and even entertainment can be at arm's length.



Outdoor kitchens can easily be custom designed and added to your existing home. A popular trend today is to incorporate the outdoor kitchen into your custom home plans and into your mortgage. The convenience of adding your outdoor kitchen to your custom home design allows you to add many of the innovative features and appliances while saving money by incorporating the electrical, gas/propane, mist systems, landscape/water treatments and home entertainment equipment at the same time as the rest of your home.

Expect your family and friends to leave talking about more than just your great food! Some of the best conversation pieces may be your new infrared barbecue. You can get 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit of searing-hot heat in three minutes (only six minutes to the perfect steak). Or how about a wood-burning pizza oven which is fabulous for cooking up not just gourmet thin-crust pizzas, but also wonderful homemade bread. Add a rotisserie grill with side burners for griddle and wok cooking, warming drawers, refrigerator, ice maker, sink, garbage disposal, mood lighting, stand-alone fireplace or firepit for warmth and ambiance, stereo system, and a stationary or retractable flat-screen TV behind the must-have bar island and you and your guests can sit, visit, eat and never need to go indoors.

From efficiency and convenience to backyard bistro, your outdoor kitchen will add all the warmth of your indoor kitchen with open space and functionality. The only problem you may have is in getting your guests to go home!



## At Home: *Family Fun*



Concerned about fitness in her middle 40's, Nancy enrolled in an aerobics class. To her dismay, she walked into a room filled with much younger women. She decided to combat her nervousness with humor.

"I'm here to do my postnatal exercises," Nancy told the instructor. The instructor gave her an appraising look and asked, "How old is your baby?" "Twenty-six," Nancy replied.

A Sunday School teacher of preschoolers was concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus Christ because of the Christmas season emphasis on His birth. He wanted to make sure they understood that the birth of Jesus occurred for real. He asked his class, "Where is Jesus today?"

Steven raised his hand and said, "He's in heaven."

Mary was called on and answered, "He's in my heart."

Little Johnny, waving his hand furiously, blurted out, "I know, I know! He's in our bathroom!!!"

The whole class got very quiet, looked at the teacher, and waited for a response. The teacher was completely at a loss for a few, very long seconds. Finally, he gathered his wits and asked Little Johnny how he knew this.

Little Johnny said, "Well...every morning, my father gets up, bangs on the bathroom door, and yells, "Good Lord, are you still in there?!"

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something in the room and ask her what color it was. She would tell me and she was always correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself."



Excerpts from  
**Wit & Wisdom**  
**From the Peanut Butter Gang**  
by H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Parents have eyes in the back of their heads. Melissa, Age 12

Cheap goldfish live longer than expensive angelfish. Rebecca, Age 11

It's not a good idea to spit while on a roller coaster. Scott, Age 11

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats. Laura, Age 13

Every time I complain to my mom that I'm bored, she tells me to go clean my room. Joanna, Age 12

I shouldn't ask my dad what a word means unless I want to look it up in the dictionary. Angela, Age 9

If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. Parents always catch the second person. Michael, Age 10

When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. Morgan, Age 11



## Safe sites for Kids on the w.w.w.

Here are some web sites for your children or grandchildren that are educational as well as entertaining.

Yu-Gi-Oh! fun from Kids' WB

<http://www.yugioh.com/episode.php>

There's bound to be at least one Yu-Gi-Oh! fanatic in the house. There are clips here from hundreds of episodes. You can watch your favorite duels to satisfy you between Yu-Gi-Oh! episodes. And you can do it without hogging the TV.

Cartoons from Yahoo!igans!

<http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/content/tv/>

Here you'll find favorite cartoons that you might see nowhere else. There's Inspector Gadget, Super Mario Brothers and Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego. And these aren't just clips. Most of them are complete episodes. In fact, they even have the commercials you'd see on TV.

Dinosaur fun from the Jurassic Park Institute

<http://www.jpoinstitute.com>

This site is as enormous as dinosaurs! Learn about the dinosaurs you've seen in the movies with the Dinopedia. Then head over to the Dino Lab. You can help the researchers study dinosaur eggs. If you need a break, there's good Dinotainment available. You'll discover games, puzzles and activity ideas.

Games from Lego

<http://club.lego.com/eng/games/>

Legos may be expensive, but the Lego games here are free! They've got sports, Klikits girl and Bionicle games. There are more than 20 games to choose from here. Lego offers even more if you join the Lego Club for free.

STUFF from Kids' WB

<http://kidswb.warnerbros.com/web/stuff/>

Here you can get all sorts of goodies from your favorite shows. See Batman, Scooby-Doo, Yu-Gi-Oh! and other great stars. Watch video clips, look through photo galleries or play some games. You can even send e-cards to tell your friends where you've been.

Activities from National Geographic

<http://nationalgeographic.com/kids/activities/>

Here you can find plenty of activities to keep you busy. Build your own miniature Egyptian tomb. Or craft spiderwebs and make your house ancient and unexplored. There are also science experiments you can try at home. And sugary recipes are suitable for little readers.

Official site of J.K. Rowling

<http://www.jkrowling.com/en/>

This is the desk of J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books. This place is truly beautiful and magical. It's also cluttered with goodies. You can read rumors about the latest story. Or read neat facts about the characters. But the most exciting part is exploring J.K. Rowling's desk. Check out the Scrapbook. There are secret rewards hidden around the site!





## *It's a jungle out there!*

*Especially when you are trying  
to make decisions about your home ...*

*~ Do I remodel my existing home? Where do I start?*

*~ Should I sell and buy another home ...*

*and what if the new home isn't exactly what I want?*

*~ Should I just sell out and build the home I really want?*

*And the #1 question to all of the above:*

*~ What company can remodel my existing/newly purchased home  
or design/custom build the exact home I want?*

*At Home by Vaugier can help!*

*We represent a complete **Turn-Key** solution for your ideal home.*

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